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Fifteen Percent Enter Adjustment Lottery

Lottery Results Made Available Last Night, Followed by In-House Rush in Dormitories

By Marissa Vogt

Four years after the first freshman class required to live on campus arrived at MIT in the fall of 2002, the housing adjustment lottery system appears to have settled into place. The percentage of the freshman class requesting a move in the adjustment lottery remained nearly constant this year — 15.0 percent of the Class of 2010 entered the lottery compared to 15.7 percent for the Class of 2009. That percentage was an increase over the low of 12.8 percent for the Class of 2008.

Results of the lottery were made available to freshmen yesterday evening. Many dormitories subsequently held meetings and in-house rush events to welcome their new residents.

Associate Dean and Director of Housing Karen A. Nilsson said that additional data on the adjustment lottery, including numbers of freshmen requesting to move into or out of individual dormitories, will be available today. The percentages listed above do not take into effect the number of freshmen in each class that are ineligible for the adjustment lottery because of Residence-Based Advising. Data from the past five years can be found in a table on page 9.



Claire E. Smith '10 takes a bite of a chocolate-fondue-dipped strawberry on the Conner 2 during In-House rush Wednesday night.

Administrators and students, including officers for the Dormitory Council, say that the percentage of freshmen who enter the adjustment lottery each year can be used to measure the effectiveness of Campus

Preview Weekend, housing materials sent to freshmen during the summer, and Residence Exploration, held during orientation.

Dormcon President David A. Nedzel '07 said that a smaller percentage of freshmen entering the adjustment lottery can indicate that freshmen are receiving more information about housing ahead of time,

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NightOwl Service Awaits Approval For TechCASH

By Valery K. Brobbey

Approval of local delivery company NightOwl's application to become a vendor that accepts Tech-CASH is being delayed by an MIT policy that requires all TechCASH vendors to have a \$10 million insurance policy. The application was originally submitted on July 5. Felix Bendersky, co-founder of NightOwl, originally said that he expected NightOwl to be a Tech-CASH vendor by September for the start of the new academic year.

If NightOwl becomes a Tech-CASH vendor, MIT students will be able to pay for NightOwl's services using their TechCASH account. NightOwl already subscribes to the card program at Northeastern University and Berklee School of Music in Boston.

John M. McDonald, associate director of enterprise services, said that the insurance policy would cover damages to MIT property and personal injury that might occur as a result of NightOwl's operation on campus.

The insurance policy is necessary, McDonald said, because if MIT enters into a legal agreement with NightOwl, it implicitly takes on some responsibility for the company's activities on campus. Such an agreement, he said, is "drafted by the MIT legal office." At the moment, MIT students can

still order from NightOwl and pay with cash.

McDonald explained that the technology needed for NightOwl to operate on campus is already in place. The only limiting factor in this deal is the legal part.

According to Bendersky, Night-Owl is not going to abandon its application to be a TechCASH vendor, saying that they still plan to "push "We want to do this for the students and the school," Bendersky

McDonald said that the approval of NightOwl's TechCASH application would involve discussions with MIT Dining. NightOwl's hours of operations as a TechCash vendor will most likely be restricted to hours after MIT dining halls are closed, preventing the operation of the halls from being jeopardized.

Richard D. Berlin III, director of campus dining, said that he was not familiar with NightOwl's application to be a TechCASH vendor but assured that each vendor seeking to be part of the TechCASH program is given thorough consideration. He said that the benefits that each vendor brings is looked at from a business perspective, avoiding situations that would be "detrimental to the success and viability of existing vendors" on campus.

NightOwl buys food from vari-

NightOwl, Page 11

Can't Find Free Food? Try Out These Local Favorites

By Marie Y. Thibault

Living in a city means you have an array of choices when you decide to go out to eat. Here is a sampling of what awaits you in Boston and Cambridge restaurants, cafés and

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Walk a few blocks down Mass. Ave into Cambridge; Thailand Cafe is on the left.

A favorite of the MIT crowd, Thailand Cafe serves up traditional dishes like Pad Thai and Drunken Noodles in less than five minutes flat. It is close enough to campus for a weekday lunch or a quick bite in the evening. Though the food is not impressive, it is plentiful, hot, slightly greasy, and satisfying. The low prices make meals here worth it every time.

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Walk across the Harvard Bridge

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Provost Explains His Role

This is the fourth in a five-part series of interviews introducing new students to administrators and student leaders on campus. Today, The Tech interviews Provost L. Rafael Reif, who talks about his experiences at MIT, services for new students, and his role

The Tech: Provost Reif, what's a

L. Rafael Reif: [Laughs] Well, I probably should know the answer to that question. The provost is typically seen as the person who is in charge - as much as "in charge" means in academia - of all the faculty. So basically, faculty and academic programs, one way or the other, report to the pro-

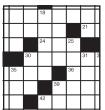
TT: As provost, could you elaborate a little bit on what your role is at the Institute, on what you deal with as the person in charge of the faculty?

RR: I think that one of the terms that people have given me is "chief academic officer" to represent what I just said. At the core of the enterprise are the five schools that MIT has: Engineering, Science, Management, Architecture and Planning, Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences. Each of those schools has a dean. Under the dean are the departments and academic programs, each of which has a head or chair who reports to the dean. The provost is in charge of the schools through the deans. So, I work very closely with them to run the academic programs. In addition to that, the provost has responsibilities that [are] centrally organized. For example, the research activities also report to the Office of the Provost, in this case through the vice president for research. Resources such as space are also centrally organized. They don't belong to a particular school, they belong to the Institute,

Reif, Page 10



Helen Hou '10 speaks to Anita C. Perkins, industrial relations librarian for the MIT Libraries, yesterday at the Academic Expo in Johnson Ice Rink.



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World & Nation

Israel Says Blockade of **Lebanon Will Continue**

By Warren Hoge

THE NEW YORK TIMES

AMMAN, JORDAN

Israel's prime minister, Ehud Olmert, rebuffed a request on Wednesday from U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan for even a partial lifting of the seven-week-old blockade of Lebanon.

Annan told Olmert in a breakfast meeting at the prime minister's residence in Jerusalem that while he would prefer that Israel completely lift its blockade of air, sea and land traffic into Lebanon, he wanted Olmert at least to allow Beirut's airport to resume normal operations.

But Olmert rejected that idea. In doing so, he referred to Annan's previous insistence that all parties to the U.N.-brokered cease-fire on Aug. 14 abide by all of its provisions.

Speaking at a joint news conference, Olmert recycled for his own purposes the same metaphor Annan had used moments before to say the cease-fire resolution was not a smorgasbord.

"As far as we are concerned," Olmert said, "we entirely accept that it is a fixed menu and that everything will be implemented, including the lifting of the blockade, as part of the entire implementa-

Therefore, he said, Israel cannot lift the blockade, imposed to prevent the smuggling of arms to Hezbollah, on one part of Lebanon and

Monitors Fault Sri Lanka Over Killing Aid Workers

By Shimali Senanayake and Somini Sengupta

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

In a searing indictment of the Sri Lankan government, Swedish-led cease-fire monitors on Wednesday accused government security forces of killing 17 aid workers early this month in Mutur in one of the worst attacks against humanitarian workers worldwide in recent years.

The statement, issued by the Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission, cited three reasons for its conclusion. First, it noted, security forces had been in Mutur at the time of the killings. Second, the government had barred the monitors from the scene immediately after the bodies had been discovered. Third, confidential conversations with "highly reliable sources" had pointed to the culpability of the security forces.

No other group, the Monitoring Mission concluded, would have been in a position to carry out the killings, which it called a "gross violation" of the tattered cease-fire.

Pressures Increase on Pakistan's Government

By Carlotta Gall and Salman Masood

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN

The government of Pakistan came under mounting political pressure on Tuesday as rioting continued for the third day in Baluchistan after the killing of a prominent rebel tribal leader, and Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz faced a no-confidence vote lodged by an alliance of op-

Four people died in the protests — three in a bomb explosion and one policeman in clashes with protesters, news agencies reported.

The opposition failed in its no-confidence vote against Aziz, a former executive with Citibank, garnering only 136 votes of the 172 needed to pass the measure in the 342-member Parliament. But the vote was seen as an opening maneuver by the opposition alliance in a contentious atmosphere ahead of elections in 2007.

Angry speakers condemned the use of military force that led to the death of the 79-year-old political leader and former legislator, Nawab Akbar Khan Bugti, in a mountain cave in his native Baluchistan, in the south, and criticized the president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, who is also the head of the army.

Sluggish Service Claim After **Rush For Loan Consolidation**

By Jonathan D. Glater

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Tens of thousands of undergraduate and graduate students rushed to consolidate their federal student loans this spring and summer, trying to lock in lower interest payments before higher rates took effect on July 1.

But frustrated students and executives at some of the companies that process the applications accuse big lenders like Wells Fargo, Wachovia and even Sallie Mae of violating federal regulations and slowing the process, charging the higher rates in the meantime.

"They're dragging out the period of time," said John F. Wallace, executive vice president at NextStudent, a student lending company that is a large loan consolidator. "They're hoping that you'll go away, that they can keep the loan on their books, and that you'll stop asking for it."

He and other consolidators say the banks have several incentives to delay. One is the interest rate. Congress has raised the maximum interest rates that lenders may charge on student loans. As of July 1 the rate for students paying off Stafford loans rose from 5.30 percent to 7.14 percent, and nearly every lender charges the maximum.

In addition, Congress abolished a requirement that a student who borrowed from just one lender must consolidate with that lender. Now students can shop around for the best deal and switch financial institutions. If lenders slow the process, the borrowers are frozen in place — at least for a while.

NextStudent notified the federal Education Department last week of the problems it had encountered. "We tried to resolve this issue with the companies directly, at the staff level or further up," Wallace said. "We've finally resorted to going to the regulatory authority that has jurisdiction."

One problem even came up with one of its own employees, Aaron Kanitz, who started the process of consolidating his student loans through NextStudent in April. He said he learned in June that his original lender was saying he had changed his mind. "I had never made any indication verbally or written that that would be the case," said Kanitz, who declined to identify the lender for fear of jeopardizing his consolidation.

The Education Department can impose money penalties on lenders and, in extreme cases, can bar them from participating in federal loan programs. A spokeswoman for the department. Jane Glickman, said it would "research and respond to each complaint on a case-by-case basis and determine what, if any action, is required."

Since Oct. 1, the department has received 78 inquiries about consolidation delays from borrowers and 3 from student loan lenders, including NextStudent. The department has requested more information from NextStudent.

Banks and other lenders say that if there are lags in processing applications, they are the result of the sheer number of students who have applied to consolidate their loans; one consolidation company received 40,000 applications in June alone. There is no central database that tracks the pace of consolidation activity.

Consolidation of debt allows borrowers to combine several loans, so that they pay a single interest rate on the total and make one monthly payment. To complete the process, the company that loaned money to a student must provide a "loan verification certificate," so that the consolidating company knows exactly how much money it needs to pay off the student's existing loan.

Fighting Friction in Washington, **CA Leaders Clear Emissions Bill**

By Felicity Barringer

California's political leaders an-

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

nounced an agreement on Wednesday that imposes the most sweeping controls on carbon-dioxide emissions in the nation, putting the state at the forefront of a broad campaign to curb the man-made causes of climate change despite resistance in Washington.

The deal between the Democratic-controlled Legislature and the Republican governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, calls for a 25 percent reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by 2020, and could establish controls on the largest industrial sectors, from utilities to oil refineries to cement plants. The state has already placed strict limits on automobile emissions, although that is being challenged in federal court.

The Bush administration has rejected the idea of similar national controls on carbon-dioxide emissions, and efforts to get congressional approval for such firm caps on emissions have repeatedly been

Although the deal in California is strongly opposed by Republicans in the Legislature and many business leaders across the state, it assures a bill on the restrictions will be passed before the legislative session ends Thursday and will be signed by Schwarzenegger, the leaders said Wednesday.

The first major controls are scheduled to begin in 2012, with the aim of reducing the emissions to their level in 1990. The legislation allows for incentives to businesses to help reach the goals, but opponents warn that the state may be sacrificing its economic interests for a quixotic

"If our manufacturers leave, whether for North Carolina or China, and they take their greenhouse gases with them, we might not have solved the problem but exacerbated it instead," said Allan Zaremberg, president of the state Chamber of Commerce, which led opposition to the measure.

Since taking office in 2003, Schwarzenegger, who is seeking reelection in November, has championed efforts to fight climate change, most recently by signing an agreement with Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain to do cooperative research on new clean energy tech-

In his statement on Wednesday, the governor said the deal struck with the Democratic leaders will make "California a world leader in the effort to reduce carbon emissions."

WEATHER

Cool With a Few Cumulus Clouds

Angela Zalucha

While today will be the warmest we've seen all week, the high temperature is still forecast to be several degrees below the normal high of 77°F. High pressure in control will bring us fair weather for the next couple of days. Mornings will start out clear, but as the day progresses the sun will quickly heat the ground, which in turn heats the air near the ground.

This relatively hot air is more buoyant, and so we get rising pockets of hot air. As these air pockets gain altitude, they cool, and eventually water condenses out to form a cloud. Luckily, the high pressure system in the upper atmosphere acts as a lid to limit runaway cloud growth, so the clouds eventually die out. This type of puffy-shaped cloud is referred to as a fair weather

Labor Day weekend is shaping up to be cloudy at best. The path of slowly moving Tropical Depression Ernesto is still somewhat uncertain, but it has the potential to dump some rain on us Saturday night and Sunday.

Extended Forecast

Today: Partly sunny. High 70°F (21°C).

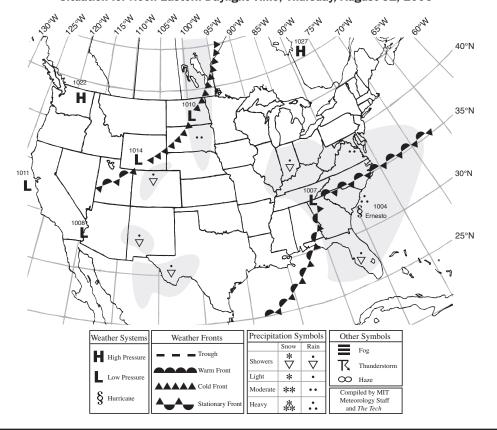
Tonight: Clear. Low 57°F (14°C).

Tomorrow: Partly sunny. High 68°F (20°C). Tomorrow night: Partly cloudy. Low 58°F (14°C).

Saturday: Cloudy with a chance of showers. High 63°F (17°C).

Sunday: Showers. Low 60°F (16°C). High 69°F (21°C).

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Thursday, August 31, 2006



U.S. and Allies to List Iranian Sanctions For Proposal to U.N.

By Helene Cooper and David E. Sanger

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

With Iran defying a Thursday deadline to halt production of nuclear fuel, the United States and three European allies are assembling a list of sanctions they would seek in the U.N. Security Council, beginning with restrictions on imports of nuclear material.

Eventually, punitive measures might expand to restrict travel by Iran's leaders and limit the country's access to global financial markets, according to diplomatic officials who are involved in the talks and would speak only on condition of anonymity.

Aside from the effort in the Security Council, the Bush administration is also seeking to persuade European financial institutions to end new lending to Iran. Some Swiss banks have already quietly agreed to limit their lending, U.S. officials say.

Even as an agreement shapes up among the United States, Britain, France and Germany, the push for sanctions faces a high hurdle in the

Security Council, given Russia and China's possession of veto power and their opposition to discussion of serious punishment for Iran.

In addition, the sanctions effort may also be hampered by a report to be issued on Thursday by the International Atomic Energy Agency, in which inspectors will describe only slow progress by Iran in enriching uranium.

The report, according to diplomats familiar with its contents, will describe how Iran has resumed producing small amounts of enriched uranium since temporarily stopping in the spring, but has not increased the rate of production.

Furthermore, the report is expected to say that the purity of the uranium enrichment would not be high enough for use in nuclear weapons, but only for power plants. Iran has long insisted that its program is for peaceful purposes only.

"The big question is why they appear to be moving so slowly," said one European official who has been involved in monitoring Iran's progress. One explanation, the official said, is that the Iranians have not

wanted to escalate the confrontation with the Security Council by appearing to be racing ahead in the production of uranium.

Alternative explanations, offered by some Bush administration officials, are that the country's scientists have run into technical problems or that they are hiding some of their production facilities. The mystery has been deepened by Iran's recent restrictions on where international inspectors can roam, and its refusal to allow them to see facilities that Iran has not declared to be related to its nuclear program.

The atomic agency's report is also expected to detail questions that Iran has failed to answer about suspected nuclear activities that it has declined to show to international inspectors.

European and U.S. officials say, for example, that Iran has refused to elaborate on President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's claim earlier this year that the country has an active research project under way using an advanced type of enrichment centrifuge that it obtained from the Pakistani nuclear scientist Abdul Qadeer Khan

Bowing to Critics, Ohio Authorities Postpone Disposal of 2004 Ballots

Bv Ian Urbina

With paper ballots from the 2004 presidential election in Ohio scheduled to be destroyed next week, the secretary of state in Columbus, under pressure from critics, said Wednesday that he would move to delay the destruction at least for several months.

Since the election, questions have been raised about how votes were tallied in Ohio, a battleground state that helped deliver the election to President Bush over Sen. John Kerry.

The critics, including an independent candidate for governor and a team of statisticians and lawyers, say preliminary results from their ballot inspections show signs of more widespread irregularities than were previously known.

The critics say the ballots should be saved pending an investigation. They also say the secretary of state's proposal to delay the destruction does not go far enough, and they intend to sue to preserve the ballots.

In Florida in 2003, historians

and lawyers persuaded state officials not to destroy the ballots in the 2000 presidential election, and those ballots are stored at the state archive.

Lawyers for J. Kenneth Blackwell, the Ohio secretary of state, said although he did not have the authority to preserve the ballots, Blackwell would issue an order in a day or two that delays the destruction and that reminds local elections officials that they have to consult the public records commissions in each county.

Federal law permits, but does not require, destroying paper ballots from federal elections 22 months after Election Day.

The critics say their sole interest in the question is to improve the voting system.

"This is not about Mr. Kerry or Mr. Bush or who should be president," said Bill Goodman, legal director of the Center for Constitutional Rights, a New York group that is part of the lawsuit. "This is about figuring out what is not working in our election system and ensuring that every cast vote counts.

"There is a gap between the numbers provided in the local level records, which until recently no one has been allowed to see, and the official final tallies that were publicly released after this election, and we want to figure out why that gap is there"

Blackwell is a Republican who is running for governor, and the threatened lawsuit could draw attention to possible irregularities in the election that he supervised.

The lawsuit would follow what researchers call the first time anyone other than county and state officials in Ohio have been given such extensive access to the main material from the previous presidential election.

After eight months inspecting 35,000 ballots from 75 rural and urban precincts, the critics say that they have found many with signs of tampering and that in some precincts the number of voters differs significantly from the certified results.

In Miami County, in southwestern Ohio, official tallies in one precinct recorded about 550 votes. Ballots and signature books indicated that 450 people voted.

Catholic Church Tries Something New: Supervised Living For Accused Priests

By Andy Newman

THE NEW YORK TIMES

As the Roman Catholic Church struggles to repair itself and its image in the wake of the sex abuse scandals, one of the more confounding questions church leaders face is what to do with priests accused of abuse.

Some priests whose crimes fell within statutes of limitation are in jail. Some have been defrocked.

But others — because they are elderly, because of the nature of their offenses, or because they have had some success fighting the charges — cannot be defrocked under canon law. These priests occupy a sort of shadow world, stripped of most duties but still financially supported by the church and fairly free to move about, both angering the critics of the church and exposing the diocese to further liability.

Cardinal Edward M. Egan, head of the New York Archdiocese, is trying something new. Since June, he has offered seven priests that the archdiocese believes have been credibly accused of sexually abusing children a choice.

They can spend the rest of their lives in closely supervised housing, where, in addition to receiving regular therapy, they must fill out a daily log of their comings and goings. Or they can leave the priesthood and the lifetime security net that comes with it.

Priests who agree to enter the program move temporarily to a handsome, ivy-covered retreat house on Long Island Sound in a mansion-filled corner of Larchmont, N.Y., in Westchester County, a place where priests with troubles have long been sent.

The building, Trinity Retreat House, flanked by the sound on one side and an inlet on the other, is, unlike its neighbors, nearly invisible from the road, hidden behind leafy trees and an ivy-covered wall. In a few months, the priests are transferred to permanent housing elsewhere, said Joseph Zwilling, Egan's

So far, five of the seven priests who received the letters have resigned rather than submit to moni-

toring. One priest has moved into the retreat house, and the other is on his way, Zwilling said.

It is difficult to determine how many other dioceses have a supervised-living program like the new one in New York. In the Chicago Archdiocese, nine priests accused of sex abuse live in a retreat house on the grounds of a seminary and are carefully monitored, officials there said, adding that they also planned to installing surveillance cameras and keep the priests locked in the building during some hours.

A spokesman for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, WIlliam A. Ryan, said, "There are several other dioceses that have similar programs, but unfortunately, none of them are willing to talk about it."

In the New York Archdiocese, the priests who received the letter fall into one of several categories, Zwilling and

Some have been convicted in a canonical trial but determined to be too elderly or infirm to endure being defrocked and are instead sentenced to a life of prayer and penance.

Bush Shifting Public Focus to Terrorism and Iraq War

By Anne E. Kornblut

THE NEW YORK TIMES

MACHIVILLE TENN

With the midterm elections approaching, President Bush is beginning an extended tour to draw attention to the threat of terrorism and the Iraq war, quickly pivoting to more comfortable territory after the focus on the Hurricane Katrina anniversary.

Starting with an address to veterans on Thursday, Bush intends to outline what one adviser described as the "consequences of victory and defeat," a theme that he conveyed here on Wednesday night, when he warned that a hasty departure from Iraq would create a terrorist state in the heart of the Middle East.

Advisers said Bush would continue his speeches on Iraq and the broader struggle against terrorism for several weeks, keying off the five-year anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The White House has made national security and Iraq the centerpieces of its strategy to help Republicans try to retain control of Congress. Nonetheless, as Bush went to Arkansas and Tennessee on Wednesday to raise money for Republican candidates, he said of his "series of speeches," "They're not political speeches."

"These are important times, and I seriously hope people wouldn't politicize these issues I'm going to talk about," Bush said after a fundraiser at a house in Little Rock.

A short time later, at a fundraiser here, Bush urged an audience to vote for a Republican Senate candidate to help keep the nation safe. Declaring his "message of optimism," Bush said he needed colleagues on Capitol Hill who understood the importance of tools like the Patriot Act and domestic surveillance to help stop terrorism.

"I need people in the United States Senate standing side by side who understand our most important task is the security of the United States of America," Bush said.

Meth Stash Found in Georgia

By Brenda Goodman

THE NEW YORK TIMES

ATLANTA

Just six days after federal agents set a Georgia record by confiscating 187 pounds of crystal methamphetamine buried behind a home in Buford, federal, state and local law enforcement officers found 341 pounds of the drug in Gainesville, Ga., the authorities announced Wednesday.

Executing a search warrant on Aug. 22, officers found packages of methamphetamine crystals, which look like broken rock candy, hidden in the closets and the garage and under freshly dug mounds of dirt in the backyard. They also found 300 marijuana plants, three sets of digital scales and a gun.

The stash was the sixth-largest supply of methamphetamine confiscated in the United States since 1970, said Ruth Porter-Whipple, the group supervisor of the Atlanta field division of the Drug Enforcement Agency.

The discovery and the brazenness with which drug dealers seem to operate in North Georgia have alarmed drug enforcement agents and confirmed Atlanta's emerging role as a hub for the distribution of crystal methamphetamine, called ice.

A Possible Three-Way Merger Would Create Aluminum Giant

By Andrew E. Kramer

THE NEW YORK TIMES

MOSCOW

The Aluminum Company of America, or Alcoa, may face a rival for global dominance if a tentative merger of two Russian aluminum companies and a major Swiss commodity trader comes to fruition, perhaps as early as this fall.

Should Alcoa drop from its No. 1 spot — which has been forecast for some time by analysts — it would be partly a reflection of wider industrial shifts that now favor Russia's commodity-driven economy, which benefits from cheap domestic energy prices.

A merger would give Russia a second corporation that is the world's largest in its industry. Gazprom, the Russian natural gas producer, is the world's largest in that field. For Russia, corporate size has become a symbol of pride, in stark contrast to most of the 1990s, when Russian businesses were flat on their backs from the chaos during the breakup of the Soviet Union.

Under the deal, Rusal, now Russia's largest aluminum operator, would merge with its smaller domestic competitor, Sual, along with the Swiss commodity trader Glencore International, which was founded by Marc Rich, the financier who fled the United States to avoid facing charges of tax evasion, racketeering and fraud and was pardoned by President Bill Clinton in January 2001

On Another Bloody Day in Iraq, Dozens of Civilians Dead

By Damien Cave

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

Shootings and hidden bombs at a market, a gas station and army recruiting center killed at least 52 Iraqis on Wednesday, continuing a wave of sectarian violence that has defied stepped-up efforts to halt its spread

In the deadliest incident, a bomb inside a vendor's cart exploded just after 10 a.m. in the Shorja market, Baghdad's oldest and largest bazaar, killing at least 24 civilians and wounding 35, Interior Ministry officials said.

Earlier, just south of the capital in Hillah, a bicycle rigged with explosives blew up near an army recruiting center, killing at least 12 people, the authorities said. A car bomb near a gas station in Baghdad also killed two civilians and wounded 21 people, including 5 policemen, who had rushed to the scene in response to a blast a few minutes earlier.

Gunmen in Baghdad killed a senior Justice Ministry official, Nadiya Muhammad Hasan, her driver and a guard. The motive was unclear, but senior officials have frequently been targets of killings in recent months. The authorities also found 13 other bodies in various locations in the city. With at least 11 additional civilians killed throughout the country, the tally of Iraqis killed or found dead on Wednesday reached 65, according to Iraqi officials.

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Refunds to Encourage Responsibility

Last fall, the weeks following Orientation were marred by nine freshmen alcohol-related incidents. Contrary to stereotypical beliefs, most of these incidents did not take place at frater-

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nities — rather, the majority occurred at small unregistered room parties in dormitories.

Parties are an integral component of campus life, and students will inevitably throw parties with alcohol. We believe that MIT should reinstate the alcohol policy that was in place before 1997, when students were permitted to use Institute funds to purchase alcohol for registered parties. While such a policy does little to curb the occurrence of underage drinking, it encourages responsible alcohol consumption.

The post 1997 policy was put in place by the Institute in response to dangerous alcohol consumption prevalent in fraternities in the years leading up to the death of Scott S. Krueger '01. The Institute's policy requiring that all freshmen live on campus and a more formal party registration system has helped fraternities overcome this issue.

Now the Institute must shift to dorm issues. Right now, dorm parties that are registered are monitored solely by the registrant. The administration knows that underage drinking happens, as evidenced by its adoption of a "no fault" alcohol policy; however, administrators often (and inconsistently) choose to look the other way when students drink, sometimes with deleterious consequences. In addition, dorm residents, including freshmen, continue to tap into residential social funds in order to sponsor wet room parties. Receipt swapping allows them to pass off alcohol as a mundane purchase such as juice or chips. By setting policy it knows will not be followed, the Institute ignores the real danger, which is physical harm caused by drinking irresponsibly.

If parties are registered with MIT, they can be monitored by MIT and the campus police, helping to keep abusive drinking to a minimum. However, given the current reluctance to register parties, incentives must exist for students to do so. As students

ourselves, we feel that an administration-funded alcohol budget would be widely used. The more parties that are registered and use the alcohol budget, the safer the community. We understand the administrators might have reservations, but there are precedents for such an alcohol budget at Princeton, Yale, and Washington University in St. Louis.

The current alcohol policy is not sensible. Institute policy prevents upperclassmen over the age of 21, and thus thought to be more responsible than younger students, from using class or dormitory funds to purchase alcohol. In doing so, the Institute unreasonably punishes upperclassmen for the potential misbehavior of underclassmen. Furthermore, the Institute seems to prioritize some vices over others. Why is it that Simmons is allowed to hire exotic dancers using Institute funds, yet can not purchase alcohol with those same funds? While both events attract underage audiences, the Institute wholeheartedly supported the former while adamantly prohibiting the latter.

In its current state, the alcohol policy pits MIT students against well-meaning administrators. Students are less likely to approach a vilified administration in times of crisis. If MIT creates a more realistic policy, it would gain the trust of students and thus be able to play a larger role in controlling and moderating drinking on campus.

In many respects, undergraduates have presented the administration with a *fait accompli*, as they will consume alcohol regardless of any administrative policy. The extent to which an institution of higher learning should act as parents is an evolving national debate. With the Freshmen On Campus policy, it is clear on which side of the debate the Institute currently stands. How then, can the administration turn a blind eye to receipt swapping and other dodges? Student drinking is inevitable, alcohol-related deaths are not. MIT cannot continue to have different policies in principle and practice.

Michael McGraw-Herdeg and Marie Y. Thibault have recused themselves from this editorial.

No Evidence Supporting Refund Proposal

By Rosa Cao

EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Today's Editorial makes a number of assertions that are more hopeful than credible.

Did MIT's pre-1997 policy keep students safer than today's?

Dissent

The authors have a theory, but MIT administrators presumably have the numbers. Are registered fraternity parties really

safer than dormitories'? They might be, but without talking to people — Dean Trujillo is one suggestion — whose job it is to monitor the situation, we don't have any evidence one way or the other.

Students ignore the current party-registration policy (hence the authors' motivation to suggest a new one). If MIT allowed dormitory money to be spent on alcohol, would upperclassmen really come out of the woodwork to register their drinking-parties

and exclude their underage friends? Probably not.

What, then, are the two members of of our five-member editorial board who signed the above editorial really saying? They wring their hands over "receipt swapping," but rather than asking for a crackdown on this small-time fraud, they ask that the black market be legitimized. They don't argue that we shouldn't be using school money for strippers, but rather that we should also use it on entertainment that less than a fourth of the undergraduate population can legally participate in.

Some under-21 students are going to get alcohol from upperclassmen. At the same time, MIT obviously needs to comply (or appear to comply) with state and federal law; can we really blame the Institute for declining to buy beer for its students? Given the pink pachyderm that was totally ignored in the editorial, MIT's caution post-1997 seem entirely reasonable.

Without a more coherent set of recommendations — and without evidence for their effectiveness — I respectfully dissent.



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CAMPUS LIFE Gadget Review Logitech V400 Mini Optical Mouse plane seat, lecture hall, or bullock cart in a third world country, it just doesn't make sense when

By Kailas Narendran

Pros

- •Convenient internal stowage for USB dongle
- Excellent tracking
- •Lots of degrees of freedom
- •Tiny form for easy transport

•Bit small for big hands

Lowdown

The V400 is a revolution in portable mousing. It's a compact, wireless USB dongle mouse for your laptop that provides a portable laser mouse solution, with an innovative stowage compartment that holds the dongle for convenient and easy storage and transport. The mouse is an excellent fit for the fast-paced lifestyle, providing mobility without the computer interface's popular compromise of human factors and usability. The mouse has 8 degrees of freedom, providing desktop style control and productivity on any laptop.

Stowaway

Hands down, my primary fear in the dongle mice is the inevitable fate of the lost dongle. A mouse without its dongle is like a fluorescent light fixture without the ballast, a car without the wheels, or a can without beer. The unique innovation in the design of the V400, not found in any other portable mouse, is the miniature USB dongle, and matching stow away compartment located in the body of the mouse! The mouse and dongle travel together in your bag, like a hand in glove, till a flick of the finger unleashes the hidden weapon from the mothership, transforming it from an unassuming paperweight, to the samurai sword of the road warrior.

The construction of the mechanism was, as mentioned before, both innovative and very solid. It's a feat of engineering and design that enabled Logitech to cram so much into a tiny package.

Interfacing

The fundamental problem with laptops has always been the human interface. While the trackpad or any other hack of two-dimensional control has been great when you're squished in a

world country, it just doesn't make sense when you have first world comforts like a flat 12"x12" space to move a mouse. The interface of this mouse is full of features such as a tilt wheel (rolls up and down, as well as tilting to left and right), the passé left and right button, and an up down finger button.

The mouse utilizes a "dual laser engine" with an invisible laser to deliver excellent tracking performance on almost all surfaces. I tested on everything from a standard mouse pad to white paper (that standard optical mice fail on) with excellent results.

Software

A common disappointment and pet peeve of mine is an innovative hardware product coupled with only marginal software. Logitech delivers a great package with the V400, including SetPoint, a well-designed and written software driver and control panel that allow you to control and configure all your Logitech desktop hardware. The program allows you to easily and intuitively configure all the buttons and

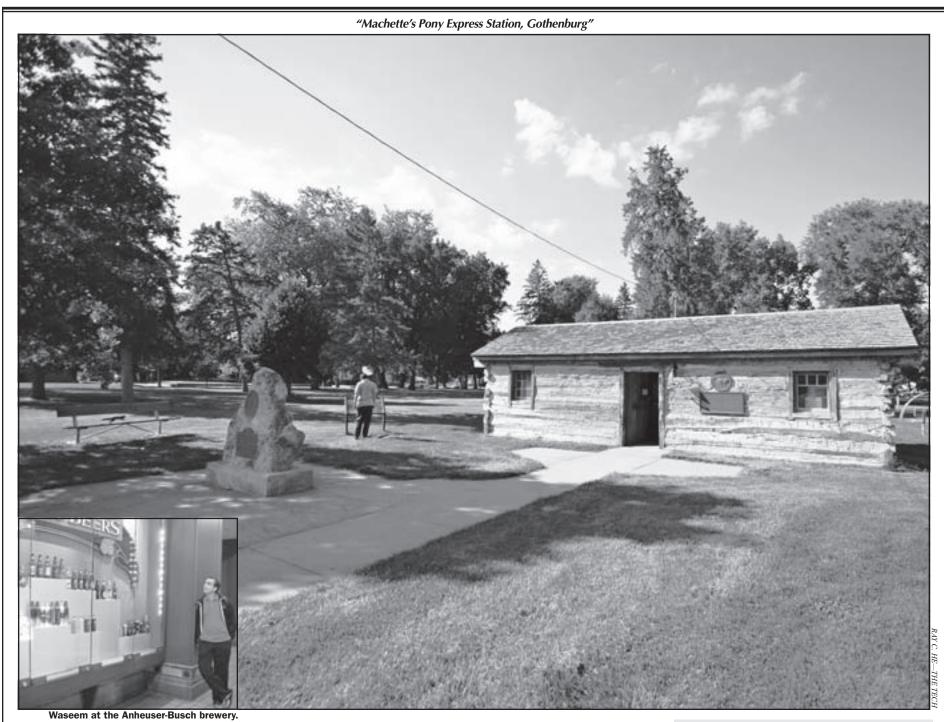


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switches. It also has special settings for game support, providing the needed functionality for all applications.

The Bottom Line

The V400 has a suggested retail price of \$50. A quick run through Froogle indicated it can easily be found for as low as \$35. It also comes in a variety of colors to match your mobile computing color palette. You can find more information at http://www.logitech.com/.





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Road Trip 2006: Day 4

Ray and Waseem drove another 430 miles and arrived late last night in St. Louis, where they'll crash for two days with Caitlin L. Murray '06, a former Tech sportswriter who's now in law school.

The Tech: How's St. Louis?

Waseem: It's nice to be back in a big city! A lot of America is very flat. And on this whole trip, we hadn't seen any non-white people until now.

Ray: We did visit the Pony Express museum in Gothenburg, Neb. They used to have all these horseback riders crisscrossing the country with messages. Kind of like an 1860s Internet. But then they got telegraphs and railroads and the whole thing became obsolete

Waseem: And today we went to a tour of the Anheuser-Busch brewery, where they make all the beer. That's one of the big industries here. Tonight we're going to try to hang with Nelly. He lives here, right?

Caitlin: Yeah, I know this guy who used Nelly's bathroom! He was walking his dog and needed to use the bathroom, so he went up to these people sitting on the back porch and was like, "Can I use your bathroom?" And they said, "Sure, go on in," and they had all the gold records and pictures of Nelly on the wall!

Waseem: We should really try to find his house. Can we please find his house?

Caitlin: I don't know where it is. Waseem: We'll look on Wikipedia Page 6 THE TECH August 31, 2006

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BOOK REVIEW

Tempus Fugit Never Reaches Potential

Founding Fathers Novel Doesn't Fly

By Jillian Berry

Tempus Fugit By: Lawrence Lee Rowe Published by: MDR Press

empus Fugit (Time Flies), by Lawrence Lee Rowe, explores the question, "What would the founding fathers do if they lived today?" The novel begins with George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson, each showing up with \$100,000 in contemporary South Dakota – right in front of Mount Rushmore. The founding fathers quickly discover they have been transported (from different times) to the future. While they realize they are famous and could make their presence known to the world, these three august figures decide instead to learn about modern America to determine if their dreams have been realized. Thus Washington, Frank-

lin, and Jefferson commence on an expedition to gather as much knowledge as possible about the fledgling country they left behind two centuries ago.

The idea for *Tempus Fugit* is an interesting one, and one that many people (including myself) have probably pondered. In contemporary culture, politics has lost much of people's respect through the corruption and scandal that have plagued it in last half century. Thus, the question arises, if the founding fathers were brought to the future, would they still be considered great men? Or would what they become they be just ... well ... politicians?

While the concept for the novel is a good one, the actual work falls short of expectations. First off, there is the issue of language. The author cannot seem to decide whether the founding fathers should speak as they would in their time or in ours. Often, certain words from the past (ie: notes for money) are used,

but in general the characters just sound like modern men, albeit a bit stiff and formal. In addition, the work brings up many historical events which often do nothing to further the plot or character development. Although some of these events are interesting, they nevertheless give the novel the feeling of a textbook. Luckily, both these flaws become less noticeable as the work progresses, and the characters become more realistic in their words and actions.

The lack of plot development is also disappointing. Most of the novel is spent watching the founding fathers discover and grasp all of the technologies and rituals of the modern world. As the story only covers a few days, there is little action. And perhaps as result of the author's plans to write at least one sequel, the end of this book leaves you feeling abandoned.

On the bright side, the second half of *Tem*-

pus Fugit is much more engaging than the first, and at the end, you begin to realize why the founding fathers were brought to the future. This question lingers throughout the book, making the abrupt cliffhanger ending doubly unsatisfying.

While there are certainly flaws, the novel as a whole is not without merit. Once you get into it, you begin to see the founding fathers as real men, rather than as larger-than-life icons carved into a mountain and pictured on our currency. In particular, you learn that Washington was a great general (obviously), but with perhaps more brawn than brains. In addition, you discover that Jefferson and Washington had a falling out a few years before Washington passed away, and you witness Jefferson's constant internal struggles with confidence and hypocrisy.

Tempus Fugit is an interesting novel that fails to live up to its amazing potential.

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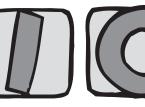


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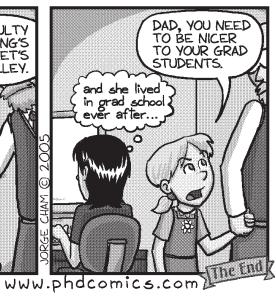
















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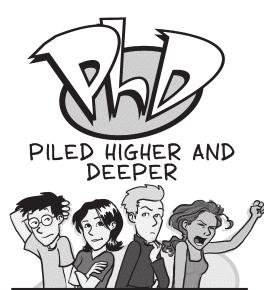






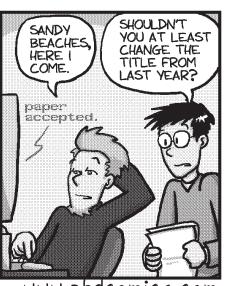


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Lottery Opened Before Orientation Officially Began

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which he said has its advantages. He also said that even if freshmen choose to stay in their temporary assignment, REX allows freshmen to familiarize themselves with the other cultures in the dormitories that are present at MIT and to convince themselves that the place they chose over the summer is the right fit.

Dormcon REX Chair Sarah C. Hopp '08 called REX a "success," and said that the freshmen who moved often did so across campus, overcoming what she called a "drastic culture difference" between East and West campus.

The housing adjustment lottery began on Thursday, Aug. 24 at 12:00 p.m., before Orientation officially began on Sunday, Aug. 27. However, Nilsson said that it was "unlikely"

that students were not on campus by Aug. 24, citing summer programs such as Interphase and pre-orientation programs.

She also said that since 2002 MIT has done a better job of showing off the non-academic sides of MIT during CPW and the percentage of incoming students that attended CPW has increased every year. By the time freshmen arrive on campus "I think ... they're ready to make a decision" about where to live, Nilsson said.

Nedzel said that the decision to again hold CityDays on the Friday of Orientation was beneficial, but the new math diagnostic test provided an "interruption" to REX. CityDays, which has traditionally been held on Friday, was moved to Monday last year so that the event would not conflict with Labor Day weekend.

Hopp said that she wished more

freshmen — up to 20 or 25 percent of the class — would enter the adjustment lottery, but that she would only be worried if the number dropped to 5 percent of the class. However, if the number of students entering the lottery grew to 400, or approximately 40 percent of the class, that could signify that MIT is not doing its job in helping students make the decision of where to live, Nilsson said.

"The adjustment lottery is not the end," Nilsson said, offering encouragement to student who might not have been reassigned in the lottery. Those students will have opportuni-

Adjustment Lottery Statistics

Class Year	Class Size	Freshmen Entering Lottery	Percent of Class Entering
2010	1,009	152	15.0
2009	996	157	15.7
2008	1,084	140	12.9
2007	1,022	200	19.5
2006	981	140	14.2

SOURCE: KAREN A. NILSSON

ties to rush Fraternities, Sororities, and Independent Living Groups and can be placed on a waitlist for spaces that may become available in the dormitories, she said. "We're all about choice."

The housing adjustment lottery closed on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and results were made available last night. The lottery is run by the Housing Office in partnership with Information Services and Technology.

20.102 (BE.102) Macroepidemiology Professor William G. Thilly thilly@mit.edu

Prereq: --Units: 3-0-9

Lecture: T3-4.30 (56-614)

Analyses of major causes of mortality in the US since 1900: cancers, diabetes, vascular and infectious diseases. Analytical models to derive estimates for historically variant population risk factors and physiological rate parameters. Analysis of familial and community data to separately estimate inherited and environmental risks. Basic population genetics and technology to discover genes carrying risk for common diseases. New this fall: consideration of role of novel nuclear forms in human and mouse embryos that appear to act as "stem" cells for fetal organogenesis and carcinogenesis. (Meets with graduate course, 20.215)

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Reif: Biggest Challenge to New Students is Adjusting

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and those resources are also allocated through an associate provost, in the provost's office. The arts is another activity that is Institute-wide. They don't belong to a particular school, so they are also centrally coordinated through the provost's office, via another associate provost.

T?: What services, support, or access does your office offer students, specifically new students?

RR: The way we are organized today, most of the programs that address student needs are run through their deans, the Deans for Student Life, Undergraduate Education, and Graduate Students, into the Office of the Chancellor. I certainly believe, and the Chancellor does too, that it is extremely important for student activities and the faculty and academic programs to be integrated. The Chancellor and I work very well together and I certainly have been available to meet with students and understand their needs and concerns on a steady-state basis. But from the organizational standpoint, they go through their deans into the Chancellor's office.

TT: What advice do you have for the incoming new students based on your own college experience?

RR: A wonderful question. Our students here take full advantage of what MIT has to offer, to the point that perhaps they forget to sleep occasionally. The best advice that I believe

I can offer is take advantage of everything we have, from the academic side to the non-academic side, to get the best experience they can out of their four years at MIT, and as best they can, try to have a ball.

TT: What do you think will be the major joys and challenges new students will face?

RR: I think the biggest challenge is adjustment. Before I came to this office, I'd been an undergraduate advisor for all the years I'd been at MIT, and I always got a group of about 20 or so sophomores. I would be with them until they graduated, and three years later I would get another group of sophomores. Every time I got a new group of sophomores, I always had the same experience. They would come to my office at registration, the first time that I would meet them, and we would discuss about subjects and so forth, and they would always tell me, and inevitably it would be almost every single one of them, that everybody else looks smarter than they were. And one student would tell me that and leave my office, and in would come the next one to tell me exactly the same thing and leave my office, and in would come the next one. I think the adjustment is from being some of the smartest kids in their own environment in high school to coming here and thinking that everyone else is smarter. It takes a while to realize that everybody here is as smart as everybody else. That adjustment is a challenge, and I recognize that. It's hard for students to internalize that they are as good as everybody else. ...

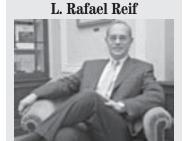
I think the biggest joy will be when our students find that area they really love, when they connect with that activity, that's the biggest joy they will find. And by and large, almost every one of our undergrads finds that joy at MIT

TT: What were your first impressions of MIT when you first came here?

RR: I came here as a member of the faculty; I didn't study here. I've been here since then, and I think every faculty member will tell you, the reason being an MIT faculty is a dream job is to be able to teach the students we teach here and to work with the students we work with here. MIT is perfect for the students who come here, and the students who come here benefit greatly from MIT.

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I was extremely impressed then and now — and even before I came, when I was deciding to come — with the students we have. They were then,



RICARDO RAMIREZ—THE TEC

Educational background: Ingeniero Electrico (1973) from Universidad de Carabobo in Valencia, Venezuela; M.S. (1975) and PhD (1979) in Electricial Engineering from Stanford University

Research interests: Presently working on three-dimensional integrated circuit technologies and on environmentally benign microelectronics fabrication.

Previous occupations: Department Head of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (2004–2005), Director of MIT's Microsystems Technology Laboratories (1990–1999), Visiting Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering at Stanford (1978), Assistant Professor at Universidad Simon Bolivar in Caracas, Venezuela (1973–1974).

Current residence: Newton, MA. Years at MIT: 26

they are still today, and I am sure they will continue to be, just the best students you can find.

TT: What are some of the challenges currently facing MIT? What are you currently spending your time working on?

RR: Well, I think the current challenge is to look at how the landscape outside MIT is changing, how the world is much more global than it used to be, even when I came to MIT. The biggest challenge is to understand what kind of graduates the U.S. and the world needs today. We want our graduates to succeed in the economy that is expecting them when they graduate. That's one of the areas in which of course I am paying quite a bit of attention to.

Other areas deal with the research enterprise: understanding where we are going, trying to gather our resources to work in areas which are important so we can participate in the innovation that is needed, and, in doing so, integrate that into the education that our students receive. A good example of that is the energy initiative, for instance.

TT: Are you involved with some of the ongoing campus issues, such as mental health care for students, or hiring and retaining a diverse faculty?

RR: Every issue that deals with faculty, I am certainly very heavily involved. Hiring and retaining a diverse faculty is an important priority. Issues that deal with services and their quality are issues that I am aware of, but I am not directly in a managing line to make things happen.

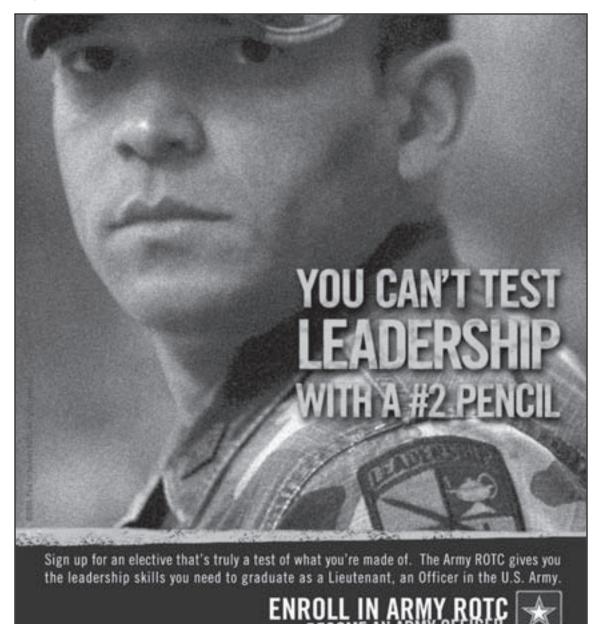
TT: If there were one thing that you think new students should do in their first semester, when they first come to campus, what would it be?

RR: I think [laughs] that there are several first things a student should do. I think that students should try to get to know a faculty member or some person who is assigned to help them acclimate to the MIT environment. A student should find other students to connect with. It's a new environment, and it's good to socially connect with other students. All of them are undergoing the same experience.

To find a stable social support environment is important, and to find a way to be helped to transition into MIT is important, via faculty or via some of the other services that we provide to do that.

TT: When you're not in the office, how do you spend your time?

RR: I love reading. I love reading about history. I love reading about what people in important positions, how did they make decisions at the time that changed the course of history. I am fascinated by that. Not that I find a great deal of time to do that these days, but I try to read a little bit on a daily basis.





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Want to learn more about Zephyr? Need to figure out if someone is logged in and communicate with him or her quickly? In this final introductory column, we cover the basics of using Zephyr.

What is this white rectangular thing that just popped up?

That would likely be a Zephyr. Zephyr is Athena's instant messaging system. The default program responsible for displaying these messages is called zwgc – Zephyr WindowGram Client. Unlike some chat programs like AIM, zwgc displays each "IM" in its own window by default. It may be an official notice, or perhaps just a message from a friend. When you're done with it, click on it to close the window.

What are some other good Zephyr client programs?

Owl is a good Zephyr client. It's tty-based (textonly) and displays all messages in one scrolling window. To run owl:

athena% add ktools; owl

Once running owl, you may find it useful to hit 'h' to read through the help menus. Owl has its own set of commands for sending messages and adding classes. You may also want to exit zwgc once owl is running, to avoid seeing multiple copies of each message:

athena% add consult; punt zwgc

vt, zwgc -ttymode, Gaim (gaim on Athena), Win-Zephyr, and MacZephyr are other client options, but Zephyr clients are a very personal thing. Owl is probably the easiest to customize. owl, vt, and zwgc -ttymode are all console programs, and thus they can be run from non-Athena computers by using ssh to connect to www.athena.dialup.mit.edu.

So, I can receive zephyrs, but how do I send one? Use the zwrite command:

athena% zwrite username

You can send a message to more than one user by listing each additional user after the first name.

Can I use group chats in Zephyr?

Zephyr has group chats, called classes. Any message in a Zephyr class also has a subject, which is called an instance. You can see all messages that go to any instance within a particular class, or just the messages sent to a particular instance of a particular class. (Example: A message about the SIPB office might be sent to class sipb instance office. Since most SIPB members like seeing anything about SIPB, they subscribe to all instances of class sipb.)

Some commonly used public classes are help (for asking all sorts of questions), geek (for various technically oriented questions), and message (the default Zephyr class).

Here are the commands for joining and leaving Zephyr classes:

zctl sub classname * * - Join the class temporarily until you logout

zctl add classname $\ \ '* \ '*$ - Join the class until you logout, AND add to your Zephyr subscriptions (so you join it automatically next time you log in).

zctl unsub classname * * - Leave

zctl del classname $\ \ \ \ \ \ \$ - Leave the class, AND remove it from your Zephyr subscriptions.

The first $*$ signifies that you should sub to all instances in the class, and the second $*$ signifies that this is a group chat. Your Zephyr subscriptions are saved in your home directory in the file $*$ /.zephyr.subs.

To send a message to a Zephyr class:

athena% zwrite -c classname -i instance

Class message, the default class, is a special case. When people talk about subscribing to an instance, they usually mean an instance of class message. Examples of such instances are white-

magic (for random discussion), war (war-related topics), war.d (discussion about the war instance), and weather (for automated weather announcements). Several courses also have instances they use.

To temporarily join a specific instance of class message without seeing any other instances, type: athena% zctl sub message instan-

athena% zctl sub message instancename *

To send a message to an instance of class message, type:

athena% zwrite -i instance NOTE: Class message instances are NOT private. All instances of class message are logged in the zlog locker, and some people subscribe to all instances.

How do I create my own Zephyr class?

Just subscribe to whatever classname you want, and start zephyring there. It is common for people to use classes named after their usernames, since other people know to sub there.

Before subscribing, if you're creating a class that's not your username, you should check to make sure that no one is using the class, by sending a message to the class. If you get a message that says no one is subscribed, then you're all set. Otherwise, you may want to choose a different class name.

One important fact to note is that any Zephyr class is only as private as its name. Anyone who knows the name of a Zephyr class can subscribe there and send messages there — there are no ways to ban, kick, or block people from Zephyr classes.

How does Zephyr do buddy lists?

Create a file in your home directory called ~/.anyone, and list each friend's username on a separate line.

To see who's online, just type the command znol at the athena prompt. You'll get a list of people, the machines they're logged into, and some other information. People who aren't logged in usually won't show up.

athena% znol

user1: this-machine-does-not-exist.mit.edu owl Sun Oct 2 02:51:05 2005

friend2: contents-vnder-pressvre. mit.edu pts/26 Sun Sep 25 13:10:30 2005

Zephyr Etiquette

There are a few conventions that you should use when sending to group chats on Zephyr.

First, subscribe to the class (or instance) before zephyring there. The only time when you wouldn't want to do this is if you're trying to see if a class is in use, as mentioned above.

Second, instances should be short and limited to alphanumeric characters, underscores, hyphens and periods. Spaces are especially annoying.

Third, linewrap your zephyrs. Long messages that don't have returns are annoying to users of several common Zephyr clients which deliberately don't wrap lines, including zwgc.

How do I find out more about Zephyr?

You can check out SIPB's Inessential Zephyr, at http://www.mit.edu/afs/sipb.mit.edu/project/doc/iz-ephyr/html/, or in hard copy form at the SIPB office.

You can also see http://www.mit.edu/~asksipb/2003columns/2003-03-07-zephyrp2/ for some additional information.

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Pour House Burgers Popular on Saturday

Dining, from Page 1

into Boston and turn right on Commonwealth Ave. Walk a few blocks into Kenmore Square and India Quality is on the left.

Anyone who has not been acquainted with India Quality is missing a memorable meal. Besides being greeted by perpetually cheerful staff, diners get a taste of Northen India's delectable spices and sauces. Popular dishes are the Chicken Tiki Masala or Lamb Saag, and the Shahi Paneer is also delectable. India Quality proves everytime that it deserves its repeat "Best Indian in Boston" Zagat award.

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Petit Robert Bistro

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Just a few doors down from India Quality on Commonwealth Ave.

Petit Robert offers fine French dining without the romantic atmosphere. The prices are also more

affordable than you'd expect for French food in Boston. Though you'll be delighted with your Bouillabaisse or Duck Confit, you won't be able to enjoy it with all the noise around you. Still, if you're looking for good food, you've made the right choice. Be prepared to shout.

The Pour House Bar & Grill

907 Boylston St Boston, MA 02115 617-236-1767

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Walk across the Harvard Bridge into Boston. Turn left on Boylston and walk for a few blocks. Pour House is on the left.

Pour House is another popular spot for the college crowd. Sporting a menu of 'Stately Burgers' that include New York, Massachusetts, and Hawaiian burgers, you're guaranteed to find something fun under the bun. The fries are hit or miss. Though not spectacular, head here on Saturday nights when the half-priced burgers are a main attraction. Why go to McDonald's when you could get a larger burger with pineapple and teriyaki sauce for the same price?

Top of the Hub

800 Boylston St Boston, MA 02199 617-536-1775

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Walk across the Harvard Bridge into Boston. Turn left on Boylston and walk for a few blocks. The Prudential Tower is on the right side and Top of the Hub is on the 52nd floor.

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Men's Soccer Hopes to Build on Momentum in 2006

The 2005 MIT Varsity Men's Soccer team awoke from a deep slumber late last season at the NEWMAC Championships, some-



how managing to finish runner-up to Wheaton College despite a weak 1-5 league showing during the regular season

that was only good for a last place finish.

The team hopes to build on momentum from the end of last season to hit the ground running in 2006. As Coach Walter A. Alessi put it, "We finished strong last season and have most of our players returning so we have high expectations." These expecations include winning the NEWMAC tournament and an NCAA tournament bid.

The losses of graduating cocaptain and starting center midfielder Walter Song '06 (first team All-New England and first team all-NEWMAC) and four-year letterman and co-captain Josef L. Miler '09 should not have too big an impact, given that the other nine starters remain on the 2006 team.

Expect big seasons from last year's leading scorers co-captain forward Ryan T. Sheffler '07 (first team all-NEWMAC and MIT top scorer) and Chase J. Lochmiller '08 (second for MIT in goals scored), leading the attack up front.

Managing the middle, co-captain Chris R. Desrochers '08 (second

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presence felt up the middle distributing the ball to forwards Sheffler and Lochmiller after finishing second on the team in 2005 with six

The Engineers also have an experienced backfield with defenseman Nitin Perumbeti '09 (second team all-NEWMAC) and goalkeeper Thomas S. Caldwell '09, making scoring goals on the Engineers no easy task.

Senior forward Alex R. Morgan should also return to make a big impact this year after spending the 2005 season abroad in Cambridge, England.

In an extremely competitive conference "all league games are important," said Coach Alessi. The Engineers will open their season on September 1 at Steinbrenner Stadium versus Fontbonne University, with the kickoff set for 3:00

Coach Alessi (2002 and 2003 NEWMAC men's soccer coach of the year) returns for his 31st season on the sidelines for the MIT Men's Soccer team. With a career record of 198-241-30 he is one of the longest tenured and most often victorious varsity coaches at MIT.

With their eyes set on a NEW-MAC title and a NCAA Tournament bid, team members will have no room to relax in 2006. Every contest on the pitch will be as important as the next in order to demonstrate that the Engineers are a team to be reckoned with in 2006.

Men's Soccer Quick Facts

Home Venue: Henry G. Steinbrenner Stadium

Conference: New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) Last Season's finish: 1-5 (7th in conference) 9-9 overall, Runner-up at the NEWMAC Championship

Key Returnees: Ryan T. Sheffler '09, Chris R. Desrochers '08, Nitin Perumbeti '09, Chase J. Lochmiller '08, and Thomas S. Caldwell '09.

Schedule:

Date	Opponent or Event	Location
Friday, Sept. 1, 3 p.m.	Fontbonne University	Cambridge, Mass.
Tuesday, Sept. 5, 4 p.m.	Salve Regina University	Newport, R.I.
Saturday, Sept. 9, 1 p.m.	Rhode Island College	Providence, R.I.
Wednesday, Sept. 13, 4 p.m.	Tufts University	Cambridge, Mass.
Saturday, Sept. 16, noon	Clark University	Worcester, Mass.
Wednesday, Sept. 20, 4:30 p.m.	Amherst College	Cambridge, Mass.
Saturday, Sept. 23, 10:30 a.m.	Wheaton College	Cambridge, Mass.
Tuesday, Sept. 26, 4 p.m.	Gordon College	Wenham, Mass.
Saturday, Sept. 30, 11:30 a.m.	U.S. Coast Guard Academy	New London, Conn.
Wednesday, Oct. 4, 3:30 p.m.	Brandeis University	New London, Conn.
Saturday, Oct. 7, 1 p.m.	The Thomas Theurkauf Memorial Alumni Game	Cambridge, Mass.
Monday, Oct. 9, 3:30 p.m.	Wentworth Institute of Technology	Cambridge, Mass.
Saturday, Oct. 14, 10 a.m.	Babson College	Cambridge, Mass.
Tuesday, Oct. 17, 3:30 p.m.	Johnson & Wales University	Cambridge, Mass.
Saturday, Oct. 21, 11:30 a.m.	Springfield College	Cambridge, Mass.
Tuesday, Oct. 24, 3:30 p.m.	UMass-Boston	Boston, Mass.
Saturday, Oct. 28, 1:00 p.m.	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	Worcester, Mass.
Wednesday, Nov. 1, 1:30 p.m.	NEWMAC Tournament Quarterfinal	TBA
Saturday, Nov. 4, time TBA	NEWMAC Tournament Semifinal	TBA
Sunday, Nov. 5, time TBA	NEWMAC Tournament Final	TBA

'ourth Time a Charm for Women's Tennis

With three consecutive secondplace finishes in NEWMAC (2003-2005) nothing short of a league



title will be a satisfactory result for the MIT Women's Varsity Tennis team this year.

Despite the losses of graduating Seniors Jill L. Konowich '06 (first team all-NEWMAC, number three doubles, number five singles) and Elaine Ni '06 (second team all-NEWMAC, number two singles, number two doubles) the Engineers should have plenty left in the tank for this season.

The key returnees will be: Jusleen M. Karve '08 (first team all-NEWMAC, number three doubles), Joanna L. MacKay '07 (first team all-NEWMAC, number six singles, second team all-NEWMAC, number two doubles), Mariah N. Hoover '08 (second team all-NEWMAC, number three singles, number one doubles), and Yi Wang '09 (second team all-NEWMAC, number four singles). With these players, the Engineers have a good chance of ending their streak of second-place finishes by winning their first league champio ship since 2002.

Before the culmination of the fall season at the NEWMAC Championships, the Engineers will face their archrivals from Wellesley College in a home game on October 14 with

Women's Tennis Quick Facts

Home Venue: duPont Tennis Courts and J.B. Carr Tennis Bubble Conference: NEWMAC

Last Season's finish: 2nd in NEWMAC, Runner-up at NEWMAC Championships

Key Returnees: Joanna L. MacKay '07, Mariah N. Hoover '08, Emily Chen '07, Yi Wang '09, and Karina N. Pikhart '09.

Date	Opponent or Event	Location	
Saturday, Sept. 9, 1 p.m.	Smith College	Northampton, Mass.	
Saturday, Sept. 16, 1 p.m.	Mount Holyoke College	South Hadley, Mass.	
Tuesday, Sept. 19, 4 p.m.	Babson College	Cambridge, Mass.	
Friday, Sept. 22, 8 a.m.	ITA New England Championship	Cambridge, Mass.	
Saturday, Sept. 23, 8 a.m.	ITA New England Championship	Cambridge, Mass.	
Sunday, Sept. 24, 8 a.m.	ITA New England Championship	Cambridge, Mass.	
Thursday, Sept. 28, 4 p.m.	Tufts University	iversity Medford, Mass.	
Saturday, Sept. 30, 1 p.m.	Springfield College	Cambridge, Mass.	
Tuesday, Oct. 3, 4 p.m.	Wheaton College	Norton, Mass.	
Saturday, Oct. 7, 1 p.m.	Clark University	Cambridge, Mass.	
Tuesday, Oct. 10, 4 p.m.	Brandeis University	Waltham, Mass.	
Saturday, Oct. 14, 1 p.m.	Wellesley College	Cambridge, Mass.	
Friday, Oct. 20, 8 a.m.	NEWITT Tournament	Amherst, Mass.	
Saturday, Oct. 21, 8 a.m.	NEWITT Tournament	Amherst, Mass.	
Sunday, Oct. 22, 8 a.m.	NEWITT Tournament	Amherst, Mass.	
Saturday, Oct. 28, 8 a.m.	NEWMAC Championship Tournament	Norton, Mass.	
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matches starting at 1:00 pm. MIT on the campus of Wheaton College will go for that NEWMAC tournament championship two weeks later

in Norton, Massachusetts. Carol Matsuzaki '96, a three-time

NEWMAC women's tennis coach of the year, will return for her ninth season as Head Coach.

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